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WgO 6320.1C MED

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WING ORDER 6320.1C

From: Commanding General To: Distribution List

Subj: HOSPITAL VISITATION PROGRAM

Ref: (a) MCO 6320.2D

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To provide a continuing visitation program for all hospitalized Marines and Sailors of the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing.

2. Cancellation. WgO 6320.1B.

3. Background

- a. Hospital visits enhance the morale and well-being of the hospitalized service member. The command visit also enables the parent command to assess and render the necessary administrative support required by the service member. The psychological assurance service members receive from knowing their unit is concerned about their welfare is as important to recovery as the medical treatment itself.
- b. The feeling of well-being, which is fostered by being a member of a unit, should continue after the transfer of the service member to another unit or medical facility during his or her hospitalization. Reference (a) provides a list of activities responsible for hospitalized personnel.

4. Action 6

- a. Commanding Officers of a Marine or Sailor who is hospitalized in the vicinity of the command, and who remains on unit rosters, will ensure a command representative personally contacts the service member within 24 hours after admittance and not less than once a week thereafter.
- b. Should a service member's condition be characterized as "critical" or should that individual be listed on the Very Seriously Ill (VSI) list, command contact will be made on a daily basis.

c. Should death imminent status be declared by the healthcare facility, the squadron medical officer will be contacted immediately to initiate medical retirement procedures.

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